To whom it may concern
Think- ponder Where are we going?

In a recent Jumuah Bayaan Mufti Elias after the Khutab Masoorah stated:

All Praise be to Allaah, for blessing us with Imaan, making us Muslims, allowing us to be amongst the Ummah of the Last and Final Nabi and Rasul Hadhrat Muhammad (S.A.W). Deen is perfect. Deen is complete. Deen is easy. Deen is natural. Deen is approved and sanctioned by Allaah.

We are from the Last Ummat, having the Last Kitaab – Quraan e Kareem, with the Last Shariah – Shariat of Islaam, fortunate to be with the Last and Final Nabi (S.A.W), but will Insha- Allaah enter Jannat first.

Respected elders, let us ponder over our condition today and 5 years ago. You whilst discussing in the comfort of your loungers and whilst deliberating in so-called 'intellectual' exchange of thoughts, think about what went wrong. You analyse and access.

Draw a table, a chart, do some research or an approximation?

Five Years Ago:

1.) How many Muslims were there? Today how many are there?
2.) How many Masjids were there? Today how many are there?
3.) How many Madressahs were there? Today how many are there?
4.) How many Maktabs were there? Today how many are there?
5.) How many Darul Ulooms were there? Today how many are there?
6.) How many Institutes of Learning were there? Today how many are there?
7.) How many Khanqahs were there? Today how many are there?
8.) How many Qari's were there? Today how many are there?
9.) How many Mufti's were there? Today how many are there?
10.) How many Moulana's were there? Today how many are there?
11.) How many Huffaaz were there? Today how many are there?
12.) How many Alima's were there? Today how many are there?
13.) How many Muslim School's were there? Today how many are there?
14.) How many Qabristaan's were there? Today how many are there?
15.) How many were going in Tabligh Jamaat? Today how many are going?

16.) How many were going for Hajj? Today how many are going?
17.) How many are going for Umrah? Today how many are going?
18.) How many are going for Jihaad? Today how many are going?
19.) How many conferences in Islaam? Today how many?
20.) How many seminars in Islaam? Today how many?
21.) How many radio stations? Today how many?
22.) How many internet sites? Today how many?
23.) How many books on Islaam? Today how many?
24.) How many booklets on Islaam? Today how many?
25.) How many leaflets on Islaam? Today how many?
26.) How many magazines – in general– on Islaam? Today how many?
27.) How many women magazines on Islaam? Today how many?
28.) How many tapes on Islaam? Today how many?
29.) How many videos on Islaam? Today how many?
30.) How many T.V. Channels on Islaam? Today how many?

But with the increase on one side there is more, much more of an increase on the other side. What is the other side.

1.) Look at the sin 5 years ago and now.
2.) Look at evil then and now.
3.) Look at immorality then and now.
4.) Look at immodesty then and now.
5.) Look at disobedience then and now.
6.) Look at murder then and now.
7.) Look at rape then and now.
8.) Look at stealing then and now.
9.) Look at robbing then and now.
10.) Look at AIDS then and now.
11.) Look at child abuse then and now.
12.) Look at wife beating then and now.
13.) Look at fornication then and now.
14.) Look at adultery then and now.
15.) Look at lying then and now.
16.) Look at cheating then and now.
17.) Look at dishonesty then and now.
18.) Look at ignorance then and now.

19.) Look at stupidity then and now.
20.) Look at arrogance then and now.
21.) Look at disrespect then and now.
22.) Look at non- performance of Salaat then and now.
23.) Look at non- giving of Zakaat then and now.
24.) Look at gambling then and now.
25.) Look at womanizing then and now.
26.) Look at wine drinking then and now.
27.) Look at non- fasting then and now.
28.) Look at white collar crime then and now.
29.) Look at domestic conflicts then and now.
30.) Look at work conflicts then and now.

What has gone wrong? Where are we going? What went wrong? Who is to blame? What must we blame? Is there something wrong with our money? Is there something wrong with our Ustaads? Our teaching methods? Our sincerety? Our devotion? Or what?

He continued to present a 3 point solution :

1.) **AQAAIDUS SALIHA** - Correct, valid beliefs which have to be in conformity with the Ahlus Sunnat Wal Jamaat.
2.) AMAL E SALIHA - Proper valid righteous actions, free from Shirk and Bid'at in accordance with the approved Shariat and
3.) JIHAAD FI SABIL LILLAAH LIALAIHI KALIMATULAAH - Jihaad in the path of Allaah for the pleasure of Allaah, for the sole pleasure of Allaah, for the upliftment, protection, defence, promotion, propogation of the word of Allaah by every possible permissible means in the Shariat.

May Allaah guide us all.